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1. RE PARA 5 REFTEL, CONGRESS WAS PROVIDED FORMAL CERTIFICATION ON MAY 6 RELATED TO PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE FMS SALE OF SIDEWINDER MISSILES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TO THE UK. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 36(B) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, AS AMENDED, THE QUOTE LETTER OF OFFER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED IF THE CONGRESS, WITHIN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIVING SUCH CERTIFICATION, ADOPTS A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STATING THAT IT OBJECTS TO THE PROUNCLASSIFIED

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POSED SALE WNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF UNCLASSIFIED POLICY JUSTIFICATION WHICH ACCOMPANIED CERTIFICATION. QUOTE THIS PROPOSED SALE WOULD PROVIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM APPROXIMATELY 1,700 AIM-9L MISSILES AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS AT A COST OF

\$119.0 MILLION.

THE AIM-9L IS THE LATEST VERSION OF THE "SIDEWINDER"

AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE AND EMPLOYS AN IMPROVED TARGET ACQUISITION CAPABILITY. IT WILL SERVE AS THE FIRST LINE US AND NATO AIR DEFENSE MISSILE THROUGH THE 1980S.

THE ADOPTION OF THE AIM-9L BY THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL GREATLY IMPROVE BRITISH AND NATO DEFENSE CAPABILITIES, CONFORM TO AGREED NATO FORCE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE STANDARDIZATION OF NATO WEAPONS SYSTEMS. UNQUOTE

- 3. AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OF THIS CERTIFICATION TO THE CONGRESS.
- 4. EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED IF ANY ACTION IS TAKEN BY CONGRESS WITHIN NEXT THIRTY DAYS OBJECTING TO THIS PROPOSED SALE. CHRISTOPHER

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